

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Minutes of Special Meeting of May 9, 2012

Members Present: Paul Anderson, Tom Davis, Jim Barton, Martha Paluch (Alternate) and Chuck Riggott (Alternate)

Members Absent: Dave Tyler and Peter Pippin

Others Present: WPCF Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, WPCF Chief Operator Edward Alibozek, Selectman Richard Pippin, Board of Finance Member Kathy Pippin and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

Time and Place

Paul Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at WPCA Administration Building, 192 South Water St, East Windsor, CT

I. Designate Alternate

Ms. Paluch and Mr. Riggott were designated voting members.

II. Discussion of 2012-13 Budget

Mr. Enderle explained that after the last budget workshop he analyzed the line items and made some reductions. He is concerned that they will come in short; they are light on the revenue side. Mr. Enderle reported that he had increased the plant maintenance line item by \$2500 for the 2012-13 budget but had brought it back to the 2011-12 budgeted amount of \$17,500 even though this amount was not enough for the current budget year; he brought the major equipment repair line back to the 2011-12 budgeted amount, the sewer line maintenance line was decreased by \$1000, the natural gas line was brought back to the current budget amount even though they have added gas heat to an additional building, office supplies was reduced and supplies and chemicals was cut back. Mr. Enderle explained that he was able to decrease the budget by \$11,000. The proposed budget amount taking into account the revenue is \$1,271,664. The count of billable sewer units is 5081 resulting in a sewer user rate of \$250.27. Mr. Enderle stated that he has concerns; they are treading on thin ice. By using the prior year's revenue to decrease the rate they have a tighter budget with less to come back. This year they had \$40,000 next year it might be \$20,000 and with less to apply, it will cause the rate to be higher. Mr. Barton felt this was a truer budget. Mr. Anderson explained that the prior year's revenue was 3%; that's not a large amount. Mr. Davis stated that he is on the sewer line and he doesn't object to the increase; it is not a large increase. Mr. Anderson questioned whether the average person can afford a \$10 increase; the cost of living is going up. Mr. Davis explained that this is part of the cost of living. Mr. Anderson asked if they were willing to accept the budget as is.

III. Adopt Proposed 2012-13 Budget

Motion: To adopt the proposed 2012-13 budget as is.
Davis/Riggott

Discussion: Ms. Paluch asked if the sewer user rate had increased last year. Mr. Anderson explained that it went down \$4; from \$244 to \$240. Mr. Davis explained that the equipment is failing and the State can come in and tell them to make a plan; there are identifiable repairs. Mr. Enderle reported that the plant is

17 years old; because of the maintenance, the guys have gotten excellent life expectancies from the equipment. He likes to go beyond preventative maintenance to planned maintenance; taking a piece of equipment off line when it is convenient and repairing it before it fails. Mr. Enderle gave Mr. Alibozek and the guy's credit; they've done a great job maintaining the plant.
Passed unanimously

IV. Set the Sewer User Rate

Motion: To set the 2012-13 sewer user rate of \$250.00 per unit.
Barton/Davis
Passed unanimously

V. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.
Riggott/Davis

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael
Recording Secretary